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SUBJECT: AVAILABILITY OF US MINT'S FACILITIES FOR  
PRODUCING FOREIGN COUNTRY COINAGE

1. THE UNITED STATES MINT WILL HAVE EXCESS EQUIPMENT CAPACITY IN CALENDAR YEAR 1976. THE US MINT HAS FOUR FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF COINAGE WITH THE PHILADELPHIA MINT BEING ONE OF THE MOST MODERN MINTING FACILITIES IN THE WORLD. THE US MINT ALSO HAS TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE TO ASSIST THE COUNTRY IN ANY COINAGE RELATED DECISIONS. IF VENEZUELA IS CONSIDERING SOLICITING QUOTATIONS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF COINAGE IN 1976 AND IF EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTIONS THE US MINT WOULD APPRECIATE BEING FAVORED WITH OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT ITS QUOTATION FOR COINAGE REQUIREMENTS. THE US MINT'S QUOTATIONS ARE BASED ON ACTUAL MANUFACTURING COST AND THE METAL REQUIREMENTS ARE PURCHASED AT THE BEST MARKET PRICE AVAILABLE. C.I.F. CHARGES ARE ALSO ON AN ACTUAL COST BASIS. INQUIRIES OR REQUESTS FOR QUOTATIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO ATTENTION OF F. H. MACDONALD, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES MINT, BUREAU OF THE MINT, 15TH AND PENNSYLVANIA AVE., N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220. FOR URGENT CONTACT USE TELEX  
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2. THE US MINT IS VERY INTERESTED IN VENEZUELA'S  
COINAGE REQUIREMENTS, ESPECIALLY THE 5, 10, AND 12 1/2  
CENTIMOS WHICH ARE 75 PER CENT COPPER AND 25 PER CENT  
NICKEL. OUR RECORDS INDICATE THAT THE CANADIAN MINT  
PRODUCED 100 MILLION OF THE 5 AND 10 CENTIMOS COINS  
SEVERAL YEARS AGO WHICH IS A CONSIDERABLE SIZE ORDER. KISSINGER

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